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Hello again! Things are just humming along nicely at the MNC office (well, I really don't have an office but a small area of my den is set aside for MNC bussiness). Spring has arrived and I'm very happy as I HATE the cold weather! Time to oil my softball glove and see if my old arm can get ready to pitch another season. Ahh...spring.

There were again NO contributions for this issue even though I had a couple of you suggest you might write something. I guess that your'e satisfied that this is a dull, dry statistics 'zine. Oh well, I tried to make it otherwise but it will most likely stay this way.

Let's get down to bussiness. First a financial report.

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| Balance in treasury as of 2/1/84 | \$190.37 | |
| Donation from Ben Schilling | 75.00 | (dipcon funds) |
| Donation from Fred Davis | 1.00 | |
| Donation from Mark Coldiron | 2.00 | |
| Total | 268.37 | |
| Printing and mailing A&O #4 | - 31.40 | |
| Day to day expenses 2/1 to 5/1 | - 35.00 | |
| printing and mailing this issue | - 33.00 | approximate |
| Balance | 168.97 | |

The treasury is still in good shape. Thanks to all of you who helped !

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The 'Wordworks"/Wes Ives affair.....My opinion.

For those of you who get Diplomacy Digest and Everything you are probably aware of this controversy. Origionally I had written over two pages that I was going to include in here but then after much thought I decided that all I would be doing is repeating things that had been said somewhere else. I am going to make a brief statement as to where I stand on the issue and give a very brief background to the affair.

- 1) Mr Ives runs games by computor and applied to the BNC for numbers for one of his games. Due to the way the game was run she felt it was a variant. No, I'm not talking about the fact that it is an "E-Mail" game, Kathy already issues numbers to those. The fact that Mr Ives is running ANONYMOUS games is the issue. When Kathy consulted with me I agreed that the game is a variant. My opinion was based on the fact of the Anonymity and the way that these games were handled in the past.
- 2) Mark Berch has written a substancial amount of material in DD about this. He feels that the games should be given a BN and not a MN. I have exchanged dozens of letters with Mark, Kathy, and several others about the issue. Since my letters were all 'not for publication' you won't see any of them in DD or elsewhere. That is why I am writing this here.
- 3) I have come to the conclusion that nobody can be 100% right on this issue. At best it might come out 60/40. Both sides have valid points. However, I have examined all sides of the arguement as carefully as I can. I have taken all points into consideration and weighed them very carefully. I agree with Kathy that Mr Ives games are indeed a variant and should not get a Boardman Number. I know that some of you will not agree with me and I'm sure that some of you will. I'm not looking for a debate nor am I looking for a pat on the back. I just feel that my opinion in the issue should be known publicly. This is the last you will hear from me on this subject.

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 Recently assigned Miller Numbers

1983Yrb32 (Gunboat) Appalachian General, Dave McCrumb. Players names secret.
 1983Zxm02 (Youngstown IV) Appalachian General, Dave McCrumb.
 Austria:John Kamman, China:Keith Becker, England:Keith Evans, France:James Peachey, Germany:Mike Smith, India:Glen Taylor, Italy:James Hopson, Japan:Ned Goltz, Russia:Mitch Krebs, Turkey:David Lawman
 1984Brv08 (Anarchy) Andiun, Eric Kane. Rom&Edi:Don Scheifler, Ber&Hol:Mark Larzelere, Sev&Mun:Ernest Hakey, Par&Mar:Dave Anderson, Spa&SMY:Kevin Stone, Tri&Rum:Mark Murray, Nwy&Lon:Jim Makuc, Lpl&Mos:Dick Martin Ank&Bre: Ed Kollmer, Den&Por:Ted Furey, Bel&Swe:Scott Cameron, Ser&Gre:Steve Hutton, Bul&Kie:Mark Lew, Tun&War:Al Ross, Bud&Con:Ken Peel, Ven &Vie:Ken Halpern, Nap&STp:Mike Quirk ((Phew....))((What a wierd game to type))
 1984Crb32 (Gunboat) Cathy's Ramblings, Cathy Cuning. Players secret.
 1984D rb32 (Gunboat) Cathy's Ramblings, Cathy Cuning. Players secret.
 1984Erx02 (Intimate) Appaling Greed, Mark Larzelere. England:Don Ditter, France:Mark Berch
 1984Frb32(Gunboat) Macabre, Mark Coldiron. Players Secret.
 1984Grb32(Gunboat) The Little Dipper, Stephen Wilcox. Players Secret
 1984Hxm14(L'Imperialisme II) Bushwacker, Fred Davis. Austria/Belgium:Philip Dancause, England:Kevin Brown, France:Dan Wilson, Germany:Chip Charnley, Iberia:Kevin Kozlowski, Italy:David Anderson, Turkey:Ralph Baty

that brings us up to date as far as recently assigned numbers. Now for some recent finishes.

1979Khm (Sacred Rhino) Game End Statistics

Runestone (John Leeder)-S02, Flying Orphan (Robert Sacks)-F04, Runestone (John Leeder)-W12, No Fixed Address (Steve Hutton).

Austria/Boers: Margaret Gemignani (res W03), civil disorder (out W05).
 England/Zanzibar: Robert Paquin (dro S01), Francois Guerrier (res W02), Claude Gautron (3-way draw W15).

France/Monomotapa: Bob Albrecht (res F02), Brian Gister (dro W04), Steve Cartier (out W07).

Germany/CABOS: Robert Cheek (dro F07), Steve Cartier (out W09).

Italy/Baluba: Dan MacLellan (res F02), Ray Heuer (dro W04), civil disorder (out W05).

Russia/Masai: Victor Melucci (dro F05), Fred Winter (res S06), Mike Mills (3-way draw W15).

Turkey/Rotse: Raynald Provost (dro F13), Rod Currie (3-way draw W15).

| | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
|-----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|--------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-------------|
| A/B | 2 | 2 | 2x | 2 | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| E/Z | 4 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 11 | 14*15 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 3-WAY DRAW! |
| F/M | 4 | 5 | 6x | x3 | 4 | 1 | - | | | | | | | | |
| G/C | 5 | 7** | 7 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 3 | - | | | | | | |
| I/B | 5 | 3 | 3+ | 1 | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| R/M | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 6**7** | 6* | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 3-WAY DRAW! |
| T/R | 5 | 7 | 7x | 8 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 12* | 12 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 11 |

* one unit short
 x DA annihilated
 + NRS lost integrity
 = NRS removed

The supply center counts for 1904 and 1905 are obviously wrong, since neither adds up to 34 supply centers. I assume that in 1909 either Russia was four short or Turkey was 3 short. I'm sending a copy of this to John Leeder who may be able to supply some useful information. A copy of this issue of NFA will be sent to the Miller Number Custodian, Lee Kendter, once I figure out where he lives.

| | '01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
|------------------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|
| { Canada | 3 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 4 |
| { North Africa | 5 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| { United States | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| { Eastern Europe | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 5 |
| { Latin America | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - |
| { Zambia | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| { Western Europe | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| { Guinea | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| { South America | 4 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| { Republic of Central Africa | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 10 |

} Wins

Game: MACADAM-MN-1982gf15

Zine: MACABRE

GM: Mark Coldiron

American Woolworth II

Cast of Players: CN: Don Williams

UE: Johnny Crow, dropped S'03; Joseph Flores

L2: Barbara Shinn

WG: Debbie Osborne, dropped W'01; Nick Wheeler, dropped F'03;

Dan McCooley

SR: Evans Givan, *winner*

WOOLWORTH II-D, 1982K cb19

Bushwacker, Fred Davis

| | Start | 1901 | 1902 | 1903 | 1904 | 1905 | 1906 | 1907 | Final Status |
|---------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|
| { AUSTRIA (Ron Brown) | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | } Winner (23) |
| { TURKEY " " | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4* | 3 | |
| { ENGLAND (Mark Keller) | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 | |
| { BALKANS " " | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| { GERMANY (David Lincoln) | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 17** | |
| { FRANCE " " | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 | } Second! (5) |
| { RUSSIA (David Anderson) | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5* | 1 | 1 | |
| { ITALY " " | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | |
| { SPAIN (Ralph Baty) | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| { SCANDINAVIA " " | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | - | - | - | |

1983Qrd08 BLIND POST CARD "PRIVATE JOY" TURKS WIN IT ALL IN 1910

ZINE: Irsome GM: Scott Hanson

Austria Larry McCloud (drop S'04); CD (out F'09)

England Rodney Jones (drop S'04); CD (out F'10)

France Mike Ehli (drop S'05); CD (out F'08)

Germany James Woodson (sur F'10)

Italy Dan Palter (sur F'10)

Russia Mark Lew (drop S'03); CD (out F'05)

Turkey Ken Iverson (WIN F'10)

| | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| a | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | - |
| e | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| f | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | - | - |
| g | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| i | 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 3 |
| r | 6 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - |
| t | 4 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 11 | 13 | 16 | 20 |

WINS F'10